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Hidden Oaks Rainforest Offers Escape From Winter

On Sunday, February 17, 2008, from 1 to 2 p.m., Annandale's Hidden Oaks Nature Center will temporarily convert the discovery room into a virtual rainforest with the sights and sounds of waterfalls, chirping birds, roaring cats, and chatting monkeys.

Families will gain an appreciation for rainforest wildlife by making take-home crafts and tasting the common fruits of this bountiful habitat. Following the lecture, rainforest experts and event goers will participate in a play.

Over five million species of plants, animals and insects live in the world's tropical rainforests. The rainforests produce fruits like avocados, coconuts and figs, vegetables such as corn, potatoes and rice, and spices like black pepper, cinnamon and cloves. This cornucopia of life is quickly disappearing as trees are logged and fields are cleared to make way for agriculture.

The cost of the event is \$4 per child (adults free), and prepaid reservations are required. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 703-941-1065.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale.

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